



# Mayor Dick Murphy

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## **MAYOR AND CITY MANAGER ANNOUNCE HIRING OF NEW ENERGY ADMINISTRATOR**

**San Diego-** Mayor Dick Murphy and City Manager Michael Uberuaga today announced that the City has selected Tom Blair for the position of Energy Conservation and Management Administrator. Mr. Blair will lead a new program created as a result of the energy crisis.

"I am pleased that Mr. Blair has agreed to assist the City in its pursuit of energy independence, goal number nine of ten set for my administration," said Mayor Murphy.

The duties of the energy administrator include overseeing the reduction of the City's energy consumption; coordinating and implementing green building and energy conservation measures in new or remodeled City facilities; developing a Citywide energy management policy and plan; energy conservation education and training programs for City employees and the public; and outreach and assistance programs for city residents and businesses. Mr. Blair will also conduct a feasibility study of options for energy self-reliance and work on legislative matters at the state and federal levels.

"Mr. Blair is an innovative professional in the energy business, and I look forward to incorporating his creativity in the City's continuing energy conservation and management efforts," said City Manager Uberuaga.

Tom Blair worked at California State University San Marcos for the past eight years, most recently as facility services director. He acted as the campus energy manager, participated in long-term energy contract development for electric price stability, oversaw capital improvements, and managed central plant services. Mr. Blair is a former Navy commander and holds a bachelor of science degree from Miami University and a master's degree in business administration from National University. He is a member of the Association of Higher Education Facility Managers and the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration, and Air Conditioning Engineers.

Robert Epler will continue to serve as the interim energy administrator until Mr. Blair's appointment becomes effective on February 1, 2002. Mr. Epler will then return to his former position as assistant director of the Environmental Services Department.

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